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TO: All Law Enforcement Agencies

SUBJECT: End of Magnetic Stripe on Ontario, Canada Driver License

Effective April 1, 2011, new Ontario, Canada driver licenses produced will no longer have a magnetic stripe on the back of the license.

The approved method for storing information on these documents is the 2D bar code, which is more secure than the magnetic stripe and also meets the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) standards.

As part of the renewal cycle, driver licenses with magnetic stripes but no 2D bar code will continue to be in circulation until **November 2014**. Licenses with both the magnetic stripe and the 2D bar code will continue to be in circulation for the next five to seven years (**2016 to 2018**).

Please share this information with appropriate staff, including all road patrol enforcement officers. Thank you.

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